

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., November 11, 1838, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Hermitage, November 11, 1838.

My dear Andrew, Yours of the 3rd instant from Mr. Privats to Sarah was duly received, and we were happy to hear you were so far on your journey and so well shielded from the inclement weather, as you had set out without your great coat gave us much uneasiness on that account.

There has nothing occurred since you left us worthy of notice except the death of Sarahs child, which we suspect was owing to the carelessness of old Prissy her mother. Your dear Sarah and all the dear children are well and Samuel daily growing more interesting.

The mill is not yet compleated, the cranks were of unequal length, which occasioned one of them to be taken out, sent to Nashville and lengthened to pair with the other. This ought to have been seen and rectified by Mr. Sharp before they were put in, but the misfortune has been he is seldom in condition to examine his work. I will make a trial of her on tomorrow. The fattening Hoggs have eat out the field of corn and we have them now at home—they eat a great deal of corn and we will kill all that are in good order immediately after the change of the moon—say we will kill them on the 19th instant.

We are still progressing with the road as well as the weather would permit, but the inclemency of the weather has prevented the progress very much—we have now the appearence of better weather, which if it continues thro the week, we will bring the road

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near a close, when we will turn our attention to gathering the corn which is now suffering injury from the wet and being thrown down by the late heavy wind.

We expect you home as soon as you have arranged your business, trusting that you will come to a final conclusion on the subject of moving part of the hands, or detaining them here and separating them upon the two plantations—if you determine on the latter, then we wish you if you can sell your track you Bo't of Brown at a profit to do so, but these are only hints for your consideration only. You having now fully explored it, will be the better Judge whether to sell or retain it.

We are anxious for your speedy return. Sarah and your dear little ones Joins me in our best wishes, prosperous journey and your safe return. They all salute thee with a kiss.

your affectionate father